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In re application of:

Livshits et al.

Art Unit: 1652

Application No.: 09/466,935

Examiner: Steadman

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Attorney Ref. No.: US-1260

For: NOVEL GENE AND METHOD FOR

PRODUCING AMINO ACIDS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response for filing the Appeal Brief, following the filing of the Notice of Appeal, dated August 25, 2003, three month(s) to February 25, 2004.

X The period for response has previously been extended to November 25, 2003.

Attached please find a Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) authorizing payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) of 1280.00 for this Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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